from out of its own budget. At present no such proposal of State Government of Orissa is pending with the Government.

(b) No proposal of setting up Ashram schools in Orissa is pending with the Government.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) and (e) There is no ceiling limit on the number of hostels. The proposals are considered by Government of India, as and when received from the States, subject to the condition that the proposal is as per the norms of the scheme.

**Delhi High Court's notice to Government regarding Implementation of Tribal Schemes**

3066. SHRI GANDHI AZAD: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS to pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Delhi High Court has issued a notice to Government to submit a status report of implementation of the schemes and porgrammes of special Central assistance to the tribal sub-plan;

(b) whether it is also a fact that Government have been failing in their Constitutional and Statutory duty as has been alleged in the petition; and

(c) if so, the remedial action taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS (SHRI JUAL ORAM): (a) to (c) An advance copy of a Public Interst Civil Writ Petition filed by Dr. B. L. Wadehra of New Delhi, in the High Court of Delhi, under article 226 of the Constitution of India seeking issuance of appropriate writ direction to the Union of India to effectively evaluate the operation of the scheme for economic upliftment of the Scheduled Tribes population in the country and providing protection against exploitation, has been received. The matter is *sub judice.*

**Fund given for Tribal Affairs in the NER**

3067. SHRI W. ANGOU SINGH: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS to pleased to state:

(a) the amount given to tribal affairs in the North-East Region during the Eighth Five Year Plan and at beginning of Ninth Five Year Plan, State-wise;

(b) the fund given for the State of Manipur, item-wise; and

(c) whether there is any special fund release to the area where the Sixth

Scheduled has been extended?

THE MINISTER OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS (SHRI JUAL ORAM): (a) A statemei is attched. [Statement-I (*See* below)]

(b) A Statement is attached [Statement-II (*See* below)]

(c) No Sir. However, Speical Central Assistance to Tribal Sub-plan extended to the States of Assam, Manipur and Tripura. Grants under arti 275(1) of the Constitution are given to all the North-Eastern States (includi Assam, Tripura, Meghalaya and Mizoram which are Sixth Schedule States) raising the level of administration in the scheduled areas therein to that of rest of the areas in those States.

**Statement-I**

*Release of funds by the Ministry of Tribal Affairs to the North-Eastern States during the Eighth Five year Plan and the Ninth Five Year Plan (1997-98 to 1999-2000)*

(*Rs. in lakhs*)

| S. No. | Name of the State | Funds released during the Eighth Five Year Plan | Funds released during the Ninth Five Year Plan (1997-98 to 1999-2000) |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1. | Arunachal Pradesh | 669.19 | 733.86 |
| 2. | Assam | 8146.93 | 7441.70 |
| 3. | Manipur | 2987.24 | 2980.33 |
| 4. | Mizoram | 313.77 | 560.16 |
| 5. | Meghalaya | 1071.58 | 1037.17 |
| 6. | Nagaland | 494.03 | 655.84 |
| 7. | Tripura | 3413.95 | 4068.79 |

**Statement-II**

*Funds released to the State of Manipur during the Eighth Five Year Plan and the Ninth Five Year Plan (1997-98 to 1999-2000), scheme-wise.*

*(Rs. in lakhs)*

| Sl. No. | Name of Scheme/Item | 8th Five Year Plan | IXth Five Year Plan (1997-98, 1998-1999, 1999-2000) |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1. | Special Central Assistance (SCA) To Tribal Sub-Plan (TSP) | 2461.09 | 2338.17 |
| 2. | Under Ist Proviso to Article 275 (1) | 288.63 | 284.41 |
| 3. | Boys Hostels for STs | 47.36 | 52.00 |
| 4. | Girls Hostels for STs | 24.81 | 22.05 |
| 5. | Ashram Schools | -Nil- | 6.00 |
| 6. | Vocational Training Centre | 73.90 | 73.90 |
| 7. | Educational Complex for women STs | Nil | Nil |
| 8. | Tribal Research Institutes | 22.94 | 37.92 |
| 9. | State Tribal Development Cooperative Corporation for minor forest produce | 28.00 | Nil |
| 10. | Grant-in-aid to NGOs | 40.51 | 161.73 |
| 11. | *Development of Primitive Tribal Group* | Nil | 4.15 |

**Observations made in the Fourth Report of the National Commission for SCs/STs**

3068. SHRI YADLAPATI VENKAT RAO: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is no improvement in the lot of Scheduled Tribes despite 50 years of reservation in Government services;

(b) the observations made in the Fourth Report of the National Commission for SCs and STs on the share of jobs for SCs and STs in Government jobs; and

(c) the role of his Ministry in ensuring increase of appointment of STs in all Government jobs?

THE MINISTER OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS (SHRI JUAL ORAM): (a) According to the observations of National Commission for SCs/STs in its Fourth Report, there is no substantial improvement in appointment of Scheduled Tribes in Government jobs despite reservation in Government services.